

To: Superintendents and Test Coordinators  
From: Margo Healy, Director of Assessment and Accountability  
RE: Test Coordinators Update: 2008 ISAT Release This Week

Greetings to all of you,

I suspect that our communication will be hit and miss with schools out for the summer and year around staff taking much deserved vacations. I plan to send out updates each month just in case you are checking for ISAT and AYP information. The important dates for June and July are listed below.

1. **Assessment:** We report student achievement data by school, district and state. The Assessment results include data for **all students tested**.
2. **Accountability:** We release AYP Determinations for school, district and state. The AYP Determinations are based on **a subset of all students tested**. For achievement, we remove students enrolled after the 56<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the year. In addition to that, we calculate safe harbor to allow schools and districts that move 10% of a subgroup to proficiency to make AYP. Participation rates are a part of your AYP Determination and include students enrolled after the 56<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the school year.

This Friday, June 13, posting of ISAT results triggers the AYP timeline. Remember that we compress the timeline to the federal minimums so that the process of Title I School Improvement Planning and grant applications can begin and school improvement grants can be awarded as early as possible in the school year.

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| June 13  | ISAT 2008 results posted on the DRC website for school and district review. <a href="http://www.drc-web.com/reportdelivery">www.drc-web.com/reportdelivery</a> Your current ISAT passwords apply. There are many reports available to you including three different Individual Student Rosters. Check the ISAT webpage <a href="http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/saa/index.asp#">http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/saa/index.asp#</a> to reference the PPT: <u>ISAT 2008 Spring Reporting Webex</u> for an explanation of all reports. Federal law requires that you send the <i>Individual NCLB Report with Performance Level Descriptors</i> to parents at the earliest opportunity. (You may mail them or distribute them to students at start of school, Fall 08.) We encourage you to send <i>NCLB Plus</i> and <i>Growth Reports</i> , as well. |
| June 20  | State, district and school reports for “all students” will be posted for <i>public viewing</i> on the ISAT Results page of the website and released to media. Last year, we surprised you! This year we are giving you one week to view your “all student” data before we release the results publicly. <a href="http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/saa/isatresults.asp">http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/saa/isatresults.asp</a>  |
| June 25  | Preliminary AYP Determinations posted on the secure website for your review. <a href="https://seciis.sde.state.id.us/ayp08/default.asp">https://seciis.sde.state.id.us/ayp08/default.asp</a> Your current AYP passwords apply. Posting of Preliminary AYP Determinations triggers the 30 day window for appeals.   |
| July 24  | <b><u>Appeals window closes July 24.</u></b> This means that your hard-copy supporting information must be in OSBE office by close of business day, July 24, 2008.   |
| August 1 | Final AYP Determinations posted for public viewing on <b>Current AYP Report Information</b> and released to media. <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/ayp/ayp08/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/ayp/ayp08/</a>   |